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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Diego - Member of Oxycodone Ring Convicted

(U) A San Diego federal jury convicted a man yesterday of filling falsified prescriptions of oxycodone and distributing thousands of tablets across the country. Prosecutors said Edwin Fuller, 39, was part of what authorities believed to be the most prolific and well-organized oxycodone ring in the San Diego region. The drug-trafficking group used fraudulent prescriptions and phony California Identification cards to obtain the addictive painkiller and then distribute the tablets. The pills were valued at \$2 each by pharmacies and sold on the street by dealers for as much as \$30 each, the US Attorney's Office said. Fuller is the fourth key member of the ring to be convicted in the case so far.

SOURCE: 29 November 2017, San Diego Union-Tribune

(U) Vista – Trio Accused of Shooting at Police with Assault Rifle

(U) Three men pleaded not guilty on 28 November to attempted murder charges after authorities say they fired more than 30 rounds from an AR-15 style assault rifle at San Diego County Sheriff's deputies during a car pursuit on residential streets in Vista last week. The trio surrendered shortly after midnight on 22 November after an hours-long standoff at an apartment they ran into in an attempt to escape authorities. Ixcauatzin Morales, Jesus Alejandro Garcia, and Elmer Escatel each face up to 37 years to life in prison if convicted of those and other charges.

SOURCE: 28 November 2017, San Diego Union-Tribune

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia - AG Sessions Hints at Crackdown on Marijuana, Affecting California

(U) Washington – Attorney General Jeff Sessions hinted yesterday that the US Department of Justice (DOJ) may take a tougher stance on recreational marijuana, a change in policy that would have a significant impact on the five states and DC that allow it to be used for more than medicinal purposes. California is scheduled to join that group on 1 January 2018. Sessions and other DOJ officials previously indicated they would continue the policy laid out by DOJ under former President Barack Obama, which allows state officials discretion with how they deal with cannabis as long as certain standards are met. Marijuana remains illegal under federal law, and there was always the possibility that the current administration could impose tighter restrictions.

SOURCE: 29 November 2017, Sacramento Bee

(U) District of Columbia – ISIS Messaging Advocates Targeting of US Children as Revenge for Airstrikes

(U) Washington — A group affiliated with Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) is calling on extremists in the US and Europe to attack Western children in retaliation for the death of Muslim children during airstrikes in Syria. The message was posted in a pro-ISIS Telegram channel on 27 November and spread across a variety of pro-ISIS chat groups. It referenced the death of Muslim families in Albu Kamal in Eastern Syria and experts say the threats against Western children are meant to call attention to these deaths. The message itself came from al-Qastantiyyah Foundation, which is considered an established media group in the pro-ISIS community, according to the SITE Intelligence group.

SOURCE: 29 November 2017, Newsweek

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(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Greece - Terrorism Charges Brought Against Turks

(U) Athens — Greek authorities brought terrorism charges yesterday against nine suspected left-wing militants from Turkey, who were arrested during a series of raids in Athens ahead of a visit by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The eight men and one woman will be charged with offenses including alleged arms and explosives possession, forgery, and resisting arrest—which occurred on 28 November for suspicion of links with the Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front. A search of their residences uncovered detonators, a handgun, and materials easily available on the market that could potentially be used to make explosives.

SOURCE: 29 November 2017, Associated Press

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona - Border Patrol Agent Shoots, Kills 'Assaultive' Man

(U) Tuson – A Border Patrol agent shot and killed an "assaultive" man yesterday in a remote area of the Baboquivari Mountains west of Three Points. The man was one of several in a group of people suspected to be to have entered the country illegally. Three others are in custody and agents are searching the area for others, officials said. The shooting occurred just before noon, and is under investigation by the FBI, Custom and Border Protection's Office of Professional Responsibility, and the Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department. No other details were released.

SOURCE: 29 November 2017, Arizona Daily Star

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